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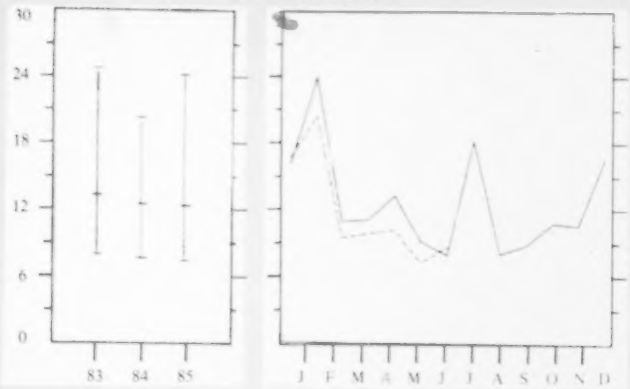
STATE AND METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MAY 1986

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT WAS HIGHER IN MAY 1986 THAN A YEAR EARLIER IN 40 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. IN MAINE, 472,400 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED ON NONFARM PAYROLLS IN MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 457,000 IN MAY 1985. OVER-THE-YEAR DECREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WERE REPORTED IN 27 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND FIVE STATES HAD NO CHANGE. NATIONALLY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS, AT 7.0 PERCENT, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WAS THE SAME AS IN MAY 1985.

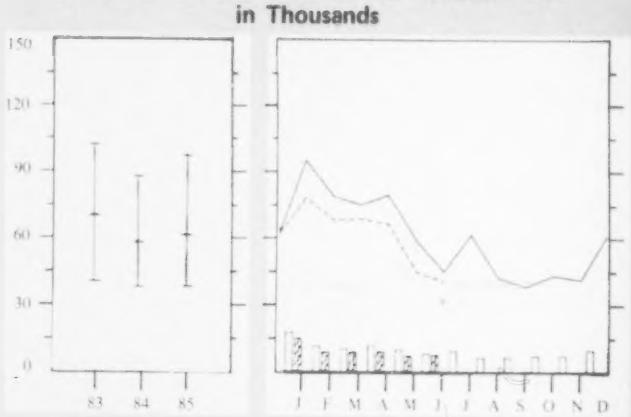
OF THE STATES REPORTING OVER-THE-YEAR DECREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR MAY 1986, ONLY SEVEN PLUS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAD DECLINES OF ONE PERCENTAGE POINT OR MORE. THE LARGEST DECLINE, 2.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS, WAS IN NEVADA. MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED BY ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT. TEXAS EXPERIENCED THE LARGEST INCREASE -- 2.7 PERCENTAGE POINTS. TWENTY-ONE STATES REPORTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BELOW 6 PERCENT; THE LOWEST RATES WERE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (3.2 PERCENT), RHODE ISLAND (3.4 PERCENT), CONNECTICUT (3.5 PERCENT), AND MARYLAND (3.7 PERCENT). MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STOOD AT 5.2 PERCENT.

OF THE 235 AREAS FOR WHICH MAY 1986 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WERE AVAILABLE, THE LOWEST RATES WERE REPORTED FOR STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT (2.5 PERCENT); PORTLAND, MAINE (2.7 PERCENT); HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT; LINCOLN, NEBRASKA; AND BURLINGTON, VERMONT (3.0 PERCENT EACH).

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



RESULTS OF 1986 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1985, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 54 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1986. FORTY-TWO OF THE 43 MEMBER HOSPITALS PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 11,363. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED, OVER 38 PERCENT (4,373) OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS WAGE DATA FOR FIVE REGIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $2.50.

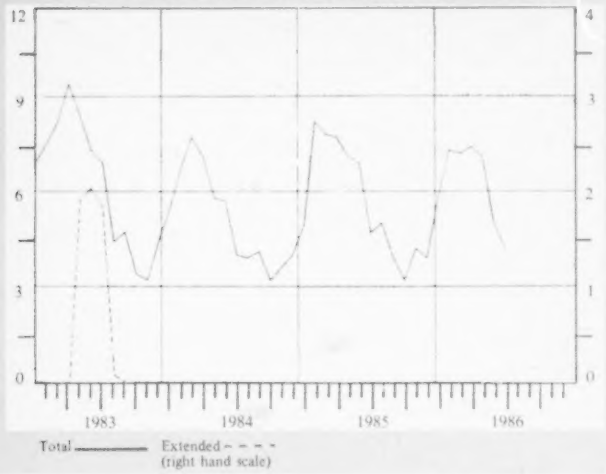
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments

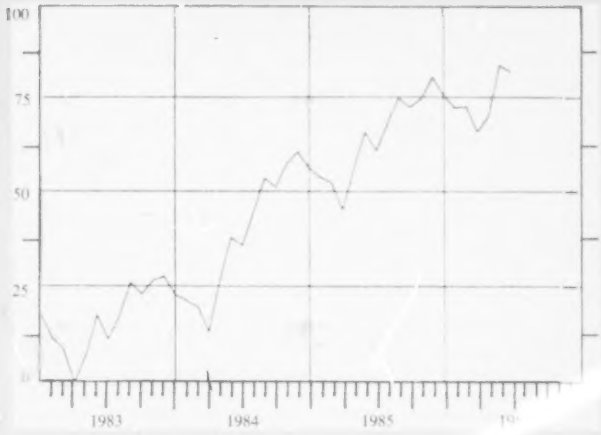
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



•Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	481.8	472.4	469.8	113.8	112.3	110.8	37.°	37.8	37.5
Total Manufacturing	105.9	104.4	108.1	17.0	16.9	16.8	10.7	10.5	11.1
Durable Goods	44.8	44.0	44.8	8.3	8.4	8.4	2.7	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	12.5	13.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.9	4.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.0	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.3	10.2	9.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.3	9.4	9.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.2	4.0	3.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.5
Nondurable Goods	61.1	60.4	63.3	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.8	8.2
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.0	8.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.0	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.1	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.4	18.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	3.9	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.5	13.5	15.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	11.1	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.1	2.3
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.2	1.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	375.9	368.0	361.7	96.8	95.4	94.0	27.2	27.3	26.4
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	28.7	26.9	25.1	6.8	6.5	6.4	1.8	1.7	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.3	19.1	19.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.5	23.3	22.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	94.3	93.1	90.6	24.3	23.3	23.6	7.0	7.0	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	22.9	22.5	21.1	10.6	10.4	9.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	101.1	98.0	97.9	26.8	26.6	26.2	9.2	9.5	9.0
Government	85.9	87.0	84.6	13.7	14.0	13.6	3.8	3.8	3.7
Federal	18.6	18.7	18.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	67.3	68.3	66.0	11.9	12.2	11.9	3.5	3.5	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	*	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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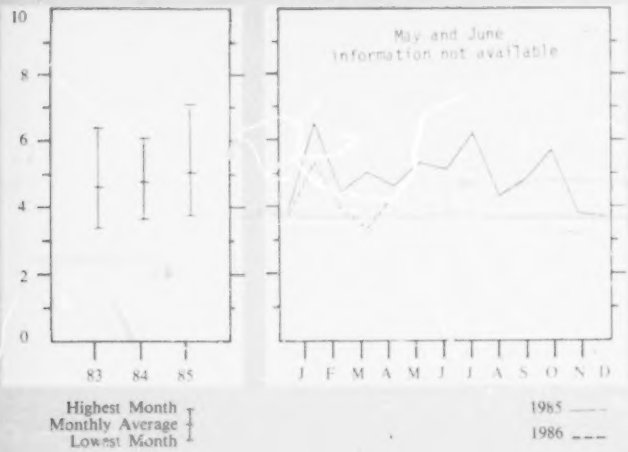
New Applications For Work

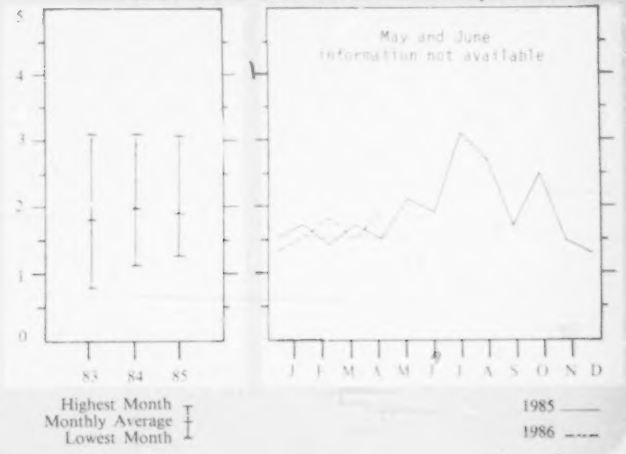
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$348.84	$347.09	$334.06	40.8	40.5	40.2	$8.55	$8.57	$8.31	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	340.68	346.49	337.31	40.8	41.2	40.3	8.35	8.41	8.37	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	292.70	296.12	312.07	39.5	40.9	40.9	7.41	7.24	7.63	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	368.07	365.94	322.58	42.7	42.7	39.1	8.62	8.57	8.25	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	395.65	398.93	375.90	41.3	40.5	42.0	9.58	9.85	8.95	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	308.77	304.96	301.32	38.5	38.7	39.7	8.02	7.88	7.59	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	394.55	412.38	383.27	43.5	43.5	39.8	9.07	9.48	9.63	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	354.09	346.73	332.45	40.7	39.9	40.2	8.70	8.69	8.27	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	257.04	249.90	249.08	36.0	35.0	36.9	7.14	7.14	6.75	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	299.05	292.17	274.98	42.6	42.1	41.6	7.02	6.94	6.61	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	200.01	194.59	201.58	35.4	33.9	34.4	5.65	5.74	5.86	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	571.58	577.30	532.80	45.8	46.0	44.4	12.48	12.55	12.00	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	224.47	220.95	224.96	37.6	36.4	38.0	5.97	6.07	5.92	5.83	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	317.59	308.51	332.45	40.1	39.3	40.2	7.92	7.85	8.27	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	356.45	357.89	346.82	39.3	38.4	39.1	9.07	9.32	8.87	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	267.47	n/a	n/a	40.1	n/a	n/a	6.67	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	250.5	244.6	243.0
Unemployed	15.1	14.1	15.0
(Percent)	6.0%	5.8%	6.2%
Resident Employed	235.4	230.5	228.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	327.9	326.3	322.3	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+ 0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 1.7%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	572.3	561.2	558.2	544.3	532.1	530.3	28.0	29.1	27.9	4.9	5.2	5.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,700	39,600	39,900	37,800	37,600	38,100	1,900	2,000	1,800	4.8	5.1	4.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,400	40,600	40,000	38,000	38,100	37,500	2,400	2,500	2,500	5.9	6.2	6.3
Portland MSA	115,300	114,200	112,400	112,100	111,100	109,300	3,200	3,100	3,100	2.8	2.7	2.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	130,880	127,280	122,910	127,380	123,970	118,380	3,500	3,310	4,530	2.7	2.6	3.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,350	31,040	31,380	29,830	29,540	29,970	1,520	1,500	1,410	4.8	4.8	4.5
Bath-Brunswick	26,050	25,740	25,000	25,190	24,880	24,050	860	860	950	3.3	3.3	3.8
Belfast	11,130	11,060	10,960	10,240	10,100	9,980	890	960	980	8.0	8.7	8.9
Biddeford	27,140	26,170	26,220	26,030	25,050	25,150	1,110	1,120	1,070	4.1	4.3	4.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,100	12,420	13,530	13,620	11,930	13,090	480	490	440	3.4	3.9	3.3
Calais-Eastport	13,470	13,320	13,030	12,140	11,860	11,880	1,330	1,460	1,150	9.9	11.0	8.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,290	21,790	21,720	20,670	20,080	19,480	1,620	1,710	1,610	7.3	7.8	7.6
Central Penobscot	2,940	2,750	2,760	2,760	2,550	2,540	180	200	220	6.1	7.3	8.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,640	6,590	6,590	6,260	6,190	6,280	380	400	310	5.7	6.1	4.7
Ellsworth	24,120	22,470	23,040	22,900	21,060	21,950	1,220	1,410	1,090	5.1	6.3	4.7
Farmington	11,410	11,630	11,250	10,530	10,600	10,190	880	1,030	1,060	7.7	8.9	9.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,540	4,860	4,870	4,850	4,110	4,200	690	750	670	12.5	15.4	13.8
Greenville	1,280	1,120	1,210	1,180	970	1,100	100	150	110	7.8	13.4	9.1
Houlton	6,260	6,060	6,370	5,850	5,550	5,970	410	450	400	6.5	7.5	6.3
Kittery-York 3/	29,400	28,650	27,800	29,090	28,340	27,360	310	310	440	1.1	1.1	1.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,580	5,480	5,360	5,190	5,010	5,020	390	470	340	7.0	8.6	6.3
Livermore Falls	4,620	4,560	4,640	4,310	4,250	4,280	310	310	360	6.7	6.8	7.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,170	3,830	4,560	3,810	3,480	4,210	360	350	350	8.6	9.1	7.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,500	4,480	4,560	4,220	4,190	4,310	280	290	250	6.2	6.5	5.5
Norway-Paris	11,760	11,460	11,350	11,070	10,720	10,680	690	740	670	5.9	6.5	5.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,890	2,630	2,410	2,700	2,370	2,250	190	260	160	6.6	9.9	6.6
Rockland	17,620	17,110	18,000	16,630	16,070	17,170	990	1,040	830	5.6	6.1	4.6
Rumford	8,240	8,410	8,370	7,600	7,740	7,690	640	670	680	7.8	8.0	8.1
Sanford	15,590	15,420	15,430	14,820	14,640	14,370	770	780	1,060	4.9	5.1	6.9
Sebago Lakes Region	13,050	12,540	11,050	12,650	12,150	10,630	400	390	420	3.1	3.1	3.8
Skowhegan	23,140	23,040	22,610	21,580	21,300	20,980	1,560	1,740	1,630	6.7	7.6	7.2
Southwest Penobscot	10,550	10,480	10,300	9,800	9,720	9,560	750	760	740	7.1	7.3	7.2
Waterville	22,100	21,840	22,190	20,900	20,880	21,100	1,200	960	1,090	5.4	4.4	4.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,730.4	1,728.3	n/a	1,669.8	1,642.1	n/a	60.5	86.2	n/a	3.5	5.0
Massachusetts	3,075.0	3,067.0	3,129.5	2,961.2	2,925.0	3,006.5	113.9	122.0	123.0	3.7	4.0	3.9
New Hampshire	571.7	562.5	542.0	553.4	544.5	520.1	18.3	14.0	21.9	3.2	3.2	4.0
Rhode Island	510.4	507.4	505.3	491.8	489.9	480.3	18.6	17.5	25.0	3.6	3.4	4.9
Vermont	284.7	282.2	278.3	272.2	269.4	265.8	12.5	12.8	12.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,690.7	6,741.6	n/a	6,430.8	6,445.1	n/a	259.9	296.5	n/a	3.9	4.4
UNITED STATES 4/	119,644	117,199	116,572	110,869	109,041	107,819	8,775	8,158	8,753	7.3	7.0	7.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,548	8,905	9,228	755	855	922	720	780	911
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.6	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	2.0	2.2	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

MAINE COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE DATA BY SIZE, MARCH 1985

Range	Private Only, Excluding All Government		
	Employers End of Mar.	March Employment	Total Wages Qtr. Ending Mar.
Total	31,590	347,942	$1,329,285,270
0-4	19,783	26,997	95,582,219
5-9	5,285	32,704	100,277,900
10-19	3,203	41,003	135,527,577
20-49	2,051	57,055	199,177,335
50-99	713	44,518	147,790,585
100-249	357	49,467	169,254,136
250-499	136	32,460	122,475,262
500-999	42	28,016	140,071,763
1,000 & over	20	35,722	219,128,493

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